CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA June 17, 2009 Adopted Budget

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present the Adopted Fiscal Year 2009/10 annual budget for Catawba County, as approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 17, 2009. This document was prepared in compliance with the changes made to the County Manager's budget proposal by the Board of Commissioners at the June 15, 2009, wrap-up session.

On May 29, 2009, I presented my recommended budget. Budget hearings were held on June 15, 2009 with the wrap up session and public hearing that night. During deliberations, the Board made changes to the budget as follows:

- The Board appropriated \$108,000 in ABC Substance Abuse Funds. The revenues were
 included as part of the Mental Health Partners budget but the expense was not in the
 recommended budget. The effect of this change was to increase the general fund
 contribution to Mental Health Partners by \$108,000.
- Restored \$4,375 funding to the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the \$8,750 reduced in the recommended budget, making the total budgeted amount \$33,125.
- Restored \$8,500 funding to the Sex Offender Treatment Program contracted through Mental Health Partners under CVBH by reducing the contracted amount for Psychiatric Support and Transcription Services through CVBH by the same amount.

The Board further approved an allocation of \$104,459 in revenue and expense for pass through funds anticipated from the Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP). The County has routinely received State dollars to fund the CJPP. These funds were previously accounted for in the Mental Health department budget, but with their transition to Mental Health Partners on July 1, 2008, those funds were not included in the recommended budget.

As a result of the above changes, the final budget is \$248,655,329 which maintains the current property tax rate of 53.5 cents. The budget document reflects the budget appropriations and outcomes as adopted by the Board on June 17, 2009. The County Manager's message, however, is included as it was originally presented.

Sincerely,

J. Thomas Lundy County Manager

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